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Iowa Ag News – Hay Stocks



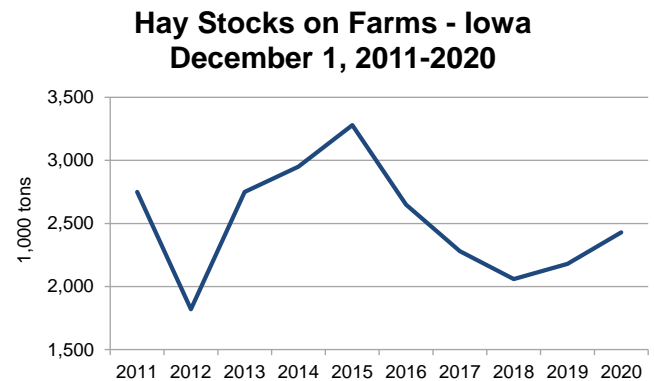
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All hay stored on Iowa farms as of December 1, 2020, is estimated at 2.43 million tons, an increase of 11% from December 1, 2019, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. Disappearance from May 1, 2020, through December 1, 2020, totaled 1.78 million tons, compared with 1.28 million tons for the same period in 2019.



Hay Stocks on Farms – Iowa and United States: May 1 and December 1, 2019-2020

	May 1		December 1	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Iowa	345	510	2,180	2,430
United States	14,906	20,426	84,488	84,020

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All hay stored on United States farms as of December 1, 2020, totaled 84.0 million tons, down 1% from December 1, 2019, which is the third lowest December 1 stocks since 1977. Disappearance from May 1, 2020 - December 1, 2020 totaled 63.2 million tons, up 7% from the same period in 2019.

Record low December 1 hay stock levels were estimated in Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. During Autumn, dryness encroached upon New England resulting in a shorter grazing season. As a result, livestock producers began to feed hay stocks a bit earlier than expected.